

The Honorable Barbara J. Rothstein

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVOCATES,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY, *et al.*

Defendants,

and,

STATE OF WASHINGTON,
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY,

Defendant-Intervenor.

Case No. 2:19-cv-01537-BJR

**COMBINED JOINT STATUS
REPORT AND STIPULATED
SCHEDULING MOTION AND
ORDER**

The Parties to this case have been exploring settlement for the past several months. Following the Parties' most recent status report, filed on January 5, 2022, the Court ordered the Parties to file an additional joint status report by July 8, 2022. Dkt. No. 50. The Parties' negotiations are ongoing.

1 Over the past several months, the Parties have continued to discuss settlement options
2 and exchange draft documents, and are now nearing agreement on a proposed settlement
3 framework. Any settlement proposal would then be subject to necessary review and approval
4 processes by the Parties. The Parties thus request an approximately 60-day period to further
5 pursue these efforts, which may preclude the need to establish a schedule for contested litigation
6 proceedings, and thus conserve the resources of the Parties and the Court.

7 Accordingly, the Parties jointly request that the Court order them to file a status report by
8 September 9, 2022, to advise the Court of the status of their discussions and whether they request
9 additional time to pursue settlement should that be appropriate. If the Parties conclude that
10 additional discussions are not warranted at that time and so advise the Court, then the Parties
11 request that the Court direct them to file, no later than September 30, 2022, a supplemental joint
12 status report and proposed schedule that addresses the remaining matters in the Court's initial
13 scheduling order, Dkt. No. 10.

14 ORDER

15 Based on the foregoing joint motion and stipulation, and for good cause shown, the
16 Parties shall file a status report no later than September 9, 2022, apprising the Court of the status
17 of their discussions concerning a possible settlement and indicating whether they request
18 additional time to pursue such discussions. In the event the Parties conclude that such additional
19 discussions are not warranted and so advise the Court, the Parties shall then file, no later than
20 September 30, 2022, a supplemental joint status report and proposed schedule that addresses the
21 outstanding matters in the Court's initial scheduling order.

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23 It is so ordered, this 8th day of July, 2022.

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Hon. Barbara J. Rothstein
United States District Judge

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